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Summarizing budgetary issues in legislation scheduled for the House floor

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Week of 30 July 2001

## SUSPENSION CALENDAR and LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER UNANIMOUS CONSENT

1) To extend the Export Administration Act until November 20, 2001 (H.R. 2602). Though the Congressional Budget Office [CBO] estimate was not available upon preparation of this Budget Week, it is not expected this legislation will increase direct spending or decrease revenue.



2) Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives: That the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance presents 🛛 🦰 a unique opportunity to address global discrimination.



This bill has no budget implications.

3) Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives: That the United Nations should immediately transfer to the Israeli Government an unedited and uncensored videotape that contains images which could provide material evidence for the investigation into the incident on October 7, 2000, when Hezbollah forces abducted 3 Israeli Defense Force soldiers, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, and Omar Souad (H.Res. 191).



This bill has no budget implications.

4) National Mathematics and Science Partnerships Act (H.R. 1858).



This legislation will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

5) National Science Education Act (H.R. 100).

This legislation will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.



6) To provide that Federal employees may retain for personal use promotional items received as a result of travel taken in the course of employment (H.R. 2456). This bill has no budget implications.



7) Supporting the goals and ideals of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month (H.Con.Res. 190).

This bill has no budget implications.

8) To provide for the conveyance of the excess Army Reserve Center in Kewaunee, Wisconsin (H.R. 788).



The bill conveys an excess Army Reserve Center to Kewaunee, WI. Though the CBO estimate was not available upon preparation of this Budget Week, it is not expected to effect the budget. The area is not expected to generate receipts, so the bill is not expected to affect direct spending or revenues.

9) To amend the District of Columbia College Access Act of 1999 to permit individuals who graduated from a secondary school prior to 1998 and individuals who enroll in an institution of higher education more than 3 years after graduating



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from a secondary school to participate in the tuition assistance programs under such Act, and for other purposes (H.R. 1499).

This legislation will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

10) Veterans Benefits Act of 2001 (H.R. 2540).

This legislation would reduce direct spending by \$801 million over the 2002-2006 period, and \$702 billion over the 2002-2011 period. It is therefore consistent with the budget resolution and would not be subject to points of order under the Congressional Budget Act.



11) To extend the authorization of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program for an additional five years, to authorize a National Community Antidrug Coalition Institute, and for other purposes (H.R. 2291)



This legislation will not increase direct spending or decrease revenue.

12) To implement the agreement establishing a United States-Jordan free trade area (H.R. 2603). This legislation would cause a revenue loss of \$14 million over the 5-year period of fiscal year 2002 through 2006. Because it would not cause revenue to be lower than that provided for in the budget resolution, however, it is not subject to a point of order under the Congressional Budget Act.



13) Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001 (H.R. 1140).

Insufficient information related to this legislation was available as of the preparation of this Budget Week.

## **LEGISLATION CONSIDERED UNDER A RULE**

Bill: The Human Cloning Prohibition Act (H.R. 2505).



Committee: Judiciary

**Summary:** This legislation prohibits anyone knowingly performing or attempting human cloning,

participating in an attempt, or shipping or receiving an embryo produced by human cloning

or any product derived from an embryo. It also prohibits the importation of embryos

produced by cloning.

Budget Act: This bill does not increase direct spending or decrease revenues. It does not breach the

allocation provided to the Judiciary Committee by the budget resolution and hence is not

subject to points of order under the Congressional Budget Act.

Bill: Legislative Branch Appropriations (H.R. 2647).



**Committee:** Appropriations

**Summary:** The measure provides \$2.24 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$2.301 billion in

discretionary outlays. These figures exclude Senate items because, consistent with long

practice, funds for the Senate are not included in the bill as reported to the House.

Budget Act: This appropriations bill is within the 302(b) allocation pursuant to the Budget Act.

Bill: Trade Promotion Authority Act of 2001 (H.R. 2149).



Committee: Ways and Means. (This legislation has not been reported.)

Summary: The bill extends through 1 June 2005 the authority of the President, under expedited

procedures, to enter into trade agreements with foreign countries regarding tariff and non-tariff barriers. It authorizes both Houses of Congress to adopt, within 60 days of each other, a procedural disapproval resolution denying trade authority procedures to any trade agreement if the President has failed or refused to notify or consult with Congress about it.

Budget Act: Restoring the President's authority to enter into certain types of trade agreements would

have no direct effect on revenues, because future trade agreements would require implementing legislation, and the effect of any changes implemented by the President would be attributed to such legislation. Hence this bill does not exceed the allocation to the Ways and Means Committee provided by the budget resolution, and would not be subject

to points of order under the Budget Act.

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Bill: Securing America's Future Energy Act of 2001 (H.R. 4).

**Committees:** Resources, Financial Services, Ways and Means.

Energy and Commerce, Science

Summary: Four separate committees have completed markup of energy legislation - Energy and

Commerce (committee print), Resources (H.R. 2436), Science (H.R. 2460), and Ways and Means (H.R. 2511)). The legislation has been combined into one bill, introduced as H.R. 4. It is expected that the legislation's primary budget effect will be the inclusion of tax credits related to energy exploration and use. The Congressional Budget Office and the Joint Committee on Taxation estimate these provisions will decrease projected Federal receipts by about \$1.7 billion in 2002, by \$18.7 billion over the period of 2002-2006, and

by \$33.5 billion over the period of 2002-2011.

Budget Act: The revenue effects would not cause the bill to be subject to points of order under the

Budget Act because most budget-related points of order do not apply to nonreported bills. Even if it had been reported, the revenue loss would not have given rise to a point of order, because it will not cause the current level of revenue to fall below the appropriate

levels provided for in the budget resolution.

But the legislation in its current form would remove the Nuclear Waste Fund from the President's budget and the congressional budget resolution, and exempt it from all spending controls. This provision is within the Budget Committee's jurisdiction. If the Budget Committee is not discharged from consideration of this bill, it would be subject to a point of order under section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act. It is expected that this language will be removed from the bill prior to its consideration – and if so, it would eliminate any potential Budget Act problems with the bill.

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